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THE MONTGOMERY FAMILY

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A BRIEF SKETCH OF THE MONTGOMERY FAMILY
Taken From Historical Sources

I will begin with a genealogical quotation.

"There is an interesting phase of the origin of names exemplified by the name 'Montgomery.' To begin with there was a man in France named Gomerie. His was an old Teutonic name, Gomerih from Goma, or Gomman and ricor, rich, powerful. This man lived on a hill which was therefore called Mount Gomerie. This is a place near Lissieux, in Normandy, and a family of French Counts, because they lived near this hill were given the title of Counts of Mount Gomerie. Roger de Montgomery was a kinsman of William the Conqueror and went with him to England and commanded the center of the army at the Battle of Hastings in 1066. From this Roger de Montgomery the town and shire of Montgomery in Wales took their names." * * * "John Montgomery who was a member of the Continental Congress was born in the north of Ireland in 1722. He came to the New World for a rather unusual reason--because he had inherited a small fortune. He settled in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, and was a Captain in an expedition under General John Forbes against the Indians."

Another quote in regard to Roger de Montgomery:

"As a reward for his bravery William (the Conqueror) created him Earl of Arundel and Shrewsbury and gave him manor houses in many counties." * * * "The founder of one of the most prominent families of this name was Col. William Malcolm Montgomery who was born in Aberdeen in 1750. He was a Son of Liberty in the Revolution and raised a regiment at his own expense. In the course of the war he was given the rank of Brigadier General. His descendants settled for most part in New York State. A New Jersey family of same name trace to William Montgomery who came from Brigend, Scotland. He settled in Philadelphia, then making his permanent home in Eglington, New Jersey. * * * "Archibald William Montgomery was the thirteenth Earl of Eglinton, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland."

Still quoting:

"There is nothing overmodest about the claims of the Montgomery genealogists. They say that when the son of Japhet named Gomer left the scene of the Old Testament narrative to settle in Gaul he dwelt upon a mountain in Normandy. That mountain was naturally named Mount Gomer in honor of its distinguished resident. The successors of Gomer who dwelt there were naturally dubbed Montgomerie, or Montgomery. A simpler explanation could hardly be imagined and the advantage of it to the genealogist is that it connects the distinguished line of Montgomery so easily with the biblical line of Adam. * * * The name was

sometimes spelled Mundegumbrie or Montgomre and with other terminations than those mentioned. * * * In the time of King William Rufus, Pembroke Castle was built by Arnulph of Montgomery. Walter Montgomery, High Steward of the House of Steuart, was the first Earl of Eglinton and it is from this Montgomery family of Eglinton that the branch of American family descended. The founder of the American Montgomery family of Eglinton was William, who was born at Brigend, Scotland, and came to this country about 1702. His father was Hugh Montgomery, of Brigend and there is a lineage on record that traces this Hugh Montgomery straight back to the days of the Norman Roger de Montgomery."

Quoting from another source:

"Mr. Clemens also quotes Mr. Lathrop Withington, well-known genealogist of Boston, who had spent many years in England and Ireland. * * * He had done much research on the Montgomery family and had written the following: 'In my notes from Irish records, gathered by me incidentally in the course of many years research in Dublin and elsewhere, concerning the various Ulster emigrant families the first and most important is the connection of our famous General Richard Montgomery. As a matter of fact the Montgomerys overshadow the whole of Ulster just as the Fitzgeralds do the rest of Ireland. It is said that Lord Mount Alexander at one time could ride at the head of a regiment, all Montgomerys. In the last Irish parliament were no less than five Montgomerys, the handsomest men, not only in Parliament, but in Ireland, according to tradition. The ramifications of the Ulster Montgomerys are endless."

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Major William (Billy) Montgomery was killed when leading his Ulster soldiers at the Battle of the Boyne River in 1620, when King James was defeated and fled from his English-Irish kingdom and was succeeded by William of Orange.

Another genealogist has stated that the history of the Montgomerys was almost equivalent to the history of Scotland.

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The Encyclopedia Brittanica (9th edition, and probably others) under heading "Montgomery" devotes considerable space to the family in medieval times. Under heading "Normandy" the Montgomery families are often mentioned at length and in one place, it says some of the family were more regarded as Princes than of the lesser nobility. This Encyclopedia says they came down from the Scandanavian countries, like Denmark or North Germany. They were called the "Northmen" and their settlement in what is now a part of France was called "North Men's Land," hence the subsequent condensation to "Normandy." They roamed south as far as Italy and Sicily and an island of the ~~Azores~~ Canary Islands is named "Gomer", giving evidence of their presence there. Some of them still live in Normandy as business

houses there (observed by Dr. Rodney Baine) carry the old name "Montgomerie" over them. (Incidentally, Dr. Baine, while a student at Merton College, (as a Rhodes Scholar) Oxford, England, did quite a bit of traveling over most of western Europe. In a letter to his mother while he was in Scotland, he says, "The Montgomeries, although they came to Scotland, never became a part of a clan. Evidently they remained 'foreign' up here. I shouldn't be surprised that they were somewhat uppish about their high Norman blood." The Montgomerys have migrated over the entire English world, being in Canada, the United States, South Africa, Australia, New Zeland, etc. The claim, regarded by some as fantastic, that they were of the House of Japhet, a son of Noah, as represented by Japhet's son, Gomer, could well be true. They could have, as myriads of other people did, migrated northward from Asia Minor up the Caspian Sea route, thence westward into Germany and Scandanavia, thence southward to Normandy.

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Burke's Genealogy (English) devotes some 20 pages to the Montgomerys--mostly the British lines. I have made a few notes from it, as follows:

"Roger de Montgomerie, who came over with William the Conqueror's army, commanded a division of that army at the Battle of Hastings in 1066. He was made Earl of Shrewsbury and built Shrewsbury Castle in 1072, which still stands as a national monument." (I have some photos of it sent to me by my nephew, Dr. Rodney Baine). Later in this line the House of the Earl of Eglinton was established in Scotland in 1113. The 17th Earl of Eglinton, a Montgomery, is now living on this estate in Scotland. * * * John Montgomery married Elizabeth, a sister of King Robert II of England, in 1388. They had sons named John and Alexander. The Ballad, "Chevy Chase" says they had a son named Hugh who was slain at the battle of Otterburn. * * * In the Scotland line was Elizabeth Montgomery's James, who was Archdeacon of Raphoe. Sons James and Alexander migrated to Ireland from whence they never moved. They were of the house of "Hall," Donegal County, North Ireland. * * * A Daughter of an early Scottish Montgomery, Lady Mary, married one of the early Scot kings. * * * There is mentioned an Alexander Montgomery, of Bonyglen County, Donegal, Ireland. Born in 1700, married in 1725, died 1748. It is probable this Alexander Montgomery was closely related to "our" great, great, great grandfather, Alexander Montgomery, who came from Donegal County, Ireland, about 1750 and settled in Orange County, North Carolina Province. This Alexander Montgomery's will was recorded in Orange County, North Carolina, July 27, 1767. Later wills are also recorded by this line. He mentions the following children: Alexander, William, John, Elizabeth, Anne, Mary, Jane Maxwell, JAMES (our great great grandfather) and Michael.

Among James' children was William, our great grandfather and then, again, among William's children was James, our grandfather. (This line of nomenclature was derailed when I came along for they dubbed me Thaddeus Robert).

There is a Montgomery County in nearly every state east of the Mississippi River, and quite a number of towns. This also applies to a number of states west of the river. (After the Civil War they began to name them for prominent people of that period and not so much those of the Revolution). All these are supposed to be in commemoration of General Richard Montgomery. I have read where this is in question regarding Montgomery, Alabama, some contending that it was named for a young (Alabama) Lieutenant Montgomery who was killed in an Indian battle while serving with General Andrew Jackson.

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Viewing the matter realistically all of us Montgomery descendants will have to look backwards to see our glories. It is unquestionably a fact that the Montgomery pinnacle in world importance and power was reached by our ancestors from 500 to 1,000 years ago. We now seem to have "leveled off" and belong to the great mass of humanity. Since the world gives its top applause to the military, there are two exceptions to this in resurgence to "glory" by General Richard Montgomery and the now living commander of the British armies, Lord Barnard Law Montgomery. There are great numbers of lawyers, doctors and ministers among us, both here in the United States and over the world. These ministers belong to almost all leading denominations--Presbyterians, Methodists, Episcopalians, and some still retain the Church of Rome faith they held when William the Conqueror attacked King Harold at Hastings with the excuse that Harold had violated some agreement with him regarding the church.

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My grandfather, James Montgomery, moved from the vicinity of Gold Hill, Iredell County, North Carolina, to Mississippi in 1871, and settled in the Forest Grove (Ofahoma) neighborhood where he soon died. Few of his family of six children ever moved far from there. They were Presbyterian, and sons James Jefferson and John Calvin, were at the times of their deaths both Elders of the Forest Grove Presbyterian Church.

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All of "our" James Montgomery's children, grand children and great grand children were and are honorable people. Among those who have chosen different walks of life are:

EDUCATIONAL: James Ogden Baine, Ph D. of N. Y. U., and P. G. studies in Munich, Germany, now head of the Chemistry and Physics Department of Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas.

Rodney Montgomery Baine, B. Litt. of Merton College, Oxford, England, and Ph D. of Harvard. Now Associate to the Chair of English of the University of Richmond, Richmond, Virginia.

Danie Hall M. A. and Pearl Hall M. A., teachers in Memphis, Tennessee, public schools.

MILITARY: Thad Montgomery Jones, Lt. Col. Aviation Engineers World War II. Now with Government Engineers, Vicksburg, Mississippi.

Conger Hall Jones. Captain Heavy Field Artillery, World War II. Awarded Medal at Battle of Rome. Now Major in Mississippi National Guard. "Majoring" in Electronics at Mississippi State.

PROFESSIONAL: Marvin Montgomery Hall, M. D.
Swiftown, Mississippi.

Robert Gillespie Montgomery, Ph C., Druggist
Como, Mississippi.

Linus Parker Hall, Ph G. (Deceased)

George Hall Roberts, Attorney-at-Law
Memphis, Tennessee.

Thaddeus Robert Montgomery, M. D.
Memphis, Tennessee.

-- T. R Montgomery.

Nota Bene: All credit for this research on the Montgomerys is due solely to Mrs. Nannie (Montgomery) Jones of Greenwood, Mississippi. She has worked on it off and on for more than 40 years.

FAMILY OF ALEXANDER MONTGOMERY

ALEXANDER MONTGOMERY — married — Mary (?)
Born in Ireland

(Came to America about 1750, lived in Orange County, North Carolina, before 1755)

Children:

1. James Montgomery — married — Rebecca Davis (see Page 2)
   B. 11-12-1752
   d. 3-22-1838
   b. 9-14-1754
   (Reared in Maryland)
   d. 10-19-1837, in Va.

2. Mary
3. Anne
4. Elizabeth
5. John
6. William
7. Michael
8. Jane Maxwell
9. Alexander

NOTE: See pages 15, 17 and 19 for copies of the wills of Alexander, Mary and James Montgomery.

FAMILY OF JAMES MONTGOMERY

JAMES MONTGOMERY — married — Rebecca Davis
b. 11-12-1752 — b. 9-14-1754
d. 3-22-1838 — d. 10-19-1837

(Lived in Orange & Caswell Counties North Carolina).

Children:

1. William — married — Mary Elizabeth Matlock
   b. 3-13-1778 — b. 1784
   d. 1870 (92 years old) — d. 1863

   (Lived in Caswell & Iradell Counties North Carolina).

   Children:

   1. James — married — Leah Earnheardt (See Page 4)
   2. Archibald — Teague
   3. David — (?)
   4. Nicholas — Knox
   5. Adeline — (?)
   6. Rebecca — Bell
   7. Elizabeth — Deal
   8. William — (?)
   9. John — (?)

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   Children:

   1. Columbus — married — (?)

2. John — married — (?)
   b. 1780
   d. (?)

   Children:

   1. Edward — married — (?)

      Children:

      1. John H.

         (Who came to Mississippi in 1892).

FAMILY OF JAMES MONTGOMERY (Continued)

3. James — married — (?)
b. 1782

Children: (8--no record of 7).

1. Thomas — married — (?)

Children:

1. Thad (Lived in Statesville, North Carolina).
2. Dora — married — J. C. Steele

(Lived in Statesville, N. C.,
manufacturers of clay working machinery--
J. C. Steele & Sons).

Children:

1. Mrs. Elizabeth Rankin
2. F. F. Steele
3. A. P. Steele
4. H. O. Steele
5. C. M. Steele

3. Victor — (Never married)

4. Jane
b. 1784

5. Michael
b. 1785

6. Edward
b. 1787

7. Rebecca — married — _____Gattis
b. 1789
d. 1885 (96 years old).

8. Rev. Archibald Davis — married — Elizabeth Lewis
b, 1791 — b. In Virginia

Children:

1. Tillie — married — S. P. Bozer
(8 children)
2. Mattie — W. M. Robbins
(5 children)
3. Mary — W. M. Robbins
(2 children)
4. James A. — Jennie Leslie
5. Lucy M. — T. Alex Sale (From Ga.)
6. Eliza Lewis — Gen. J. M. Leach
(7 children)

9. David — married — Jane Watt
b. 1793
d. 1854

Children:

1. William Pinckney — married — (?)
2. Mary Watt — Dr. J. F. Clack
(Miss Annie Woltz, Greensboro, North Carolina, is granddaughter of Mrs. Mary Watt).
3. Edward H.
4. Annie
5. Margaret — (?)
6. Alvis
(3 children)
7. Robert
8. James N.
9. John Watt
(11 children)

10. Mary — married — (?)
b. 1797

11. Abraham — Nancy Hatchett
b-1795-9-2- -m-
Children:

1. James — married
2. Lucy
3. Harriett
4. Sarah — W. P. Foster
(1 Son, Rev. J. W. Foster, Presbyterian Minister, Cooleemee, North Carolina).

FAMILY OF JAMES MONTGOMERY & LEAH EARNHEARDT

JAMES MONTGOMERY	married	Leah Earnheardt
b. 1- 5-1805	8-4-1851	b. 5-12-1825
d. 7-22-1877	in N. C.	d. 1891

(Moved from Gold Hill, N. C., to Forest Grove (Ofahoma neighborhood) Leake County, Mississippi, in 1871).

Children:

1. William David — married — *Julia Tranquilla Hall
   b. 6-11-1852 — (11-18-1878 — b.2-22-1854
   d. 8-21-1892 — Sulphur Springs, Madison Co., Miss.) — d.3-21-1935

   (Moved from Madison Co., Miss., to Koscuisko, Miss., March 1889. Both are buried in Koscuisko, Mississippi).

   (3 children--See Page 9).

2. Burton — married
   b. 1854
   d. 1855

3. Mary Elizabeth — (1878 in Leake Co., Miss.) — Joseph W. Hall
   b. 5-2-1856 — (Pro. Julia Hall)
   d. 8- -1892 — b. 8- -1850
   (Buried in Texas) — d. 6- -1933
   Gatesville, Tex- — (Buried Memphis, Tenn.)

   (Lived in Madison County, Mississippi, Koscuisko, Mississippi. Texas and Memphis, Tennessee).

   (5 children--data on next page).

*Julia Tranquilla Hall was the daughter of John and Nancy Stokes Hall of Sulphur Springs, Madison County, Mississippi, who formerly lived in Fairfield District, South Carolina, and Marshall County, Mississippi. Moved to Madison County, Mississippi, about 1838. Both are buried in Madison County, Mississippi.

FAMILY OF JAMES MONTGOMERY & LEAH BARNHARDT (Continued)

CHILDREN OF:

3. MARY ELIZABETH MONTGOMERY — married — Joseph W. Hall

   1. Nola Lillian — married — George Roberts
      b. 12-24-1878 — Yazoo City, Miss.
      (Is now, and has been, an employee of I. C. RR, Memphis, Tenn., over 25 yrs). — (Buried Yazoo Co.,Miss.)

      Children:

      1. George Hall Roberts — married — Florence Woods
         (Attorney, Memphis, Tenn.

      2. Mary Huntington Roberts — J. A. Davis
         (Graduate Agnes Scott College, Atlanta, Georgia).

   2. Dr. Marvin Montgomery Hall — (Not married)
      b. 8-9-1880
      (Physician & Planter, Swiftown, Miss. Veteran Spanish American War).

   3. Danie Elizabeth Hall — (Not married)
      b. 4-6-1882 (Teacher in Tennessee)
      d. 7-16-1966- Memphis Tenn-

   4. Mansel Walker Hall — married — Flora Morgan
      b. 8- -1884 (Veteran World War I) — (Memphis, Tennessee)
      d. 5-5-1964 - B- Memphis Tenn-
      Children:

      1. Mansel, Jr. — married — Eloise _____

      (1 daughter) Margaret
      15 m- Tenn-

   5. Pearl Tranquilla Hall — (Not married)
      b. 3-3-1888
      (Teacher in Memphis, Tenn., Schools for over 20 years).

   6. Linus Parker Hall — married in — Ruth Schultz
      b. 6-17-1890 — Tunica, Miss.
      d. 11- -1935

      Children:

      1. Parker, Jr. — married — Josephine Tully
         (3 sons--see note Page 8) — (Memphis, Tennessee)

      2. Ruth — Kermit Jones
         (1 daughter, Canton, Mississippi)

4. JAMES JEFFERSON MONTGOMERY married (1) Alice Miller
b. 1-12-1858 (2) Sallie Roy
d. 8- -1939
(Lived in Forest Grove, Leake County, Mississippi.
Elder in Presbyterian Church 40 years).

Children: (1st Marriage)

1. George Miller married Annie McClain LAIN
(in Carthage, Miss.)
(3 daughters & 1 son)

2. William (Died in infancy).

Children (2nd marriage)

3. Wm Jeff, ~~Jr.~~ Jennie Lee Woodard
(Shelby, Miss.)

4. Emma Tommy McLean LAIN
(Forest Grove, Miss.)

Children:

1. Charles
2. Mary Emma

5. John E. married Mildred Fisher (Calif.)
d- 2- 1964
6. Douglas Otice Bilbro (Canton)

Children: (1 daughter & 2 sons)

7. Leslie (1 daughter) d- 3 yrs old- Bessie Presley
(Carthage, Mississippi)
8. Mary Son - Elvin. Frank Leitiker
(Forest Grove, Miss.)

9. James (2 sons--James & Bobby) Estell Cauthen (Canton)

5. Rebecca married d- John Ware
b. 5-3-1862
d. 1929 (Lived at Conway, Leake County, Miss.)

Children:

1. Edgar married Willie Flowers
(7 children, Paducah, Kentucky)
d- 1964
2. Lou Ella Percy Boyett
(2 daughters, Paducah, Kentucky)
Helen M- Marion Presley- Goodman Miss. Page 7.
Hazel M- [illegible] Paducah Ky.
2 sons-

3. Jim — married — _____ Sanders
   (2 daughters)
   d- 1955
4. Zorelda — 6 children--New York City) — _____ Buckley
   (~~2~~ or ~~3~~ 6 children--New York City)
5. Jess — Ella Kate Sanders
   d- 1956 (Carthage, Miss.)
6. Amanda (2 children) — _____ Williamson
   (Leake County, Miss.)

6. John C. — married — (Never married)
   b. 7-2-1866
   d. 1-29-1938 (Lived at Forest Grove, Leake Co., Miss.)

7. Margaret C. — (Never married)
   b. 1868
   d. 1884

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*The Earnhardts came to America from Germany and settled in Pennsylvania. They moved to North Carolina about the time of the Revolutionary War. Leah Earnhardt's father was Philip Earnhardt--named for his father.

The Earnhardt family owned a gold mine at Gold Hill, North Carolina. It was being mined for gold during, and before, 1850. When my sister, Mrs. Mary M. Baine, and I visited Gold Hill, North Carolina, Salisbury and Statesville in 1907, it was being mined for copper. We went down in the mine and brought out some of the copper ore, which is still in our possession.

--Nannie Montgomery Jones

Parker Hall, Jr., made -All-America while playing on the University of Mississippi ("Ole Miss") football team for his great passing, running and quarter-backing ability for the year 1938.

FAMILY OF WILLIAM DAVID MONTGOMERY

WILLIAM DAVID MONTGOMERY married Julia Tranouilla Hall
b. 6-11-1852 (In Rowan Co., (1-18-1878) b. 2-22-1854
d. 8-21-1892 N. C.) d. 3-21-1935
(Lived at Sulphur Springs, Madison County, Miss.
Moved to Kosciusko, Miss., in 1889).

Children:

1. Dr. Thad Robert Montgomery married Leone Haskins (Memphis)
   b. 1-18-1879 (5-1905 b. 7-17-1885
   (In Sulphur Springs,Miss. Memphis,Tenn.)
   Reared in Kosciusko, Miss.
   Now engaged in practice of Medicine & Surgery, X-Ray & Electrotheraphy, in Memphis, Tennessee).
   d-11-25-1956- Buried in Memphis, Tenn.
   Children:

   1. Robert Gillespie married Mary Gertrude Arthur
      b. 7-2-1906 (Germantown, Tenn.)
      (In Mattson, Miss.
      Lives at Como, Miss. - Druggist).

      Children:

      1. Bill - William Robert
         b. 8-24-1939
      2. Edd Edmund Arthur
         b. 9-4-1941
      3. Jim - James Lee
         b. 10-1-1943
      4. Mary Roberta
         b. 9-10-1947

   2. Mary Margaret Montgomery married John Powell
      b. 7-7-1908 (1928)
      (In Mattson, Miss.
      Lives in Memphis, employed as Secretary to Rudolph Jones, Comm'r Shelby County, Tennessee).

2. Nannie Jeffie Montgomery married Isaac Lambuth Jones
   b. 1-23-1882 (12-26-1907 b. 3-14-1881 d- 10-10-1962
   Clarksdale,Miss. (Black Hawk, Miss.)
   (Reared in Kosciusko, Miss. Lives in Greenwood, Miss.)

Children:

1. Lt. Col. Thad Montgomery Jones m. Pauletta Spencer
   b. 4-27-1909 (Married 6-9-1934 in Fayetteville) b. 2-3-1911 (Fayetteville, Tenn.)

   Children:

   1. Polly Ann
      b. 7-30-1940 (In Vicksburg, Miss.)
   2. Thad M., Jr. " " "
      b. 11-11-1946

2. William Lambuth Jones married Marion Stewart
   b. 6-23-1911 (12-26-1940 McComb, Miss.) b. 12-30-1917 (McComb, Miss.)

   Children:

   1. William L., Jr. (Billy)
      b. 1-30-1942
      (McComb, Miss.)

3. Major Conger Hall Jones married Hettie Wall Emmons
   b. 3-14-1913 (2-4-1946 Greenwood, Miss.) b. 10-12-1912 (Greenwood, Miss.)

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Lt. Col. Thad M. Jones attended Mississippi State and Georgia Tech., served in World War II five years as civil engineer with Air Corps in The Azores. Is now employed by the U. S. Engineers in Vicksburg, Mississippi, as civil engineer.

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William L. Jones attended Southwestern in Memphis, Tennessee, where he was a star on the football team. Is now employed by the Mississippi Road Supply Company, Jackson, Mississippi, as salesman.

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Major Conger H. Jones served in World War II five years. Twenty-five months overseas with the 932nd F. A. B. N. Is now attending Mississippi State College.

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3. Mary Lou Montgomery married James Augustus Baine
b. 11-30-1883 (1-3-1909 b. 2-10-1873
(In Sulphur Springs, Madison Co., Miss. Greenwood, Miss.) d. 5-19-1932
Reared in Kosciusko, lives in Tupelo, Miss.)

Children:

1. Dr. James Ogden Baine* married Emmie Vida Slaughter
b. 10-11-1909 (8-23-1940)(Of Alabama)
(Lives in Dallas, Tex.)

Children:

1. Mary Foshee
b 1-7-1947
2. Robert Slaughter
b. 3-27-1950

2. Dr. Rodney Montgomery Baine** m. Aline Everitt
b. 6-30-1913 (8- -1940) (Jackson, Miss.)

Children:

1. Jimmy
b. 10-20-1944 141
2. Wade
b. 2-1-1943
3. Alice
b. 3-7-1948

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Dr.
*James Ogden Baine is at the head of the Chemistry Department at S. M. U., Dallas, Texas.

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**Dr. Rodney Montgomery Baine was Rhodes Scholar to Oxford, England, from 1937 to 1939. A veteran of World War II.

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Attached is a copy of the Inventory of the County Archives of Mississippi, No. 72, Tunica County, Preliminary Edition, prepared by the Mississippi Historical Records Survey of the Works Projects Administration for Mississippi.

While the activities of the Historical Records Survey are being discontinued in the redirection of the WPA to the war effort, the Tunica County inventory and other publications are being issued since most or all of the preliminary data had been compiled for publication. Rather than discard such material, it was deemed advisable to publish it in a preliminary edition. The Tunica County inventory is appearing without the usual subject and entry index.

While no aoknowledgment is required, a letter of comment will be appreciated.

Yours very truly,

(Miss) JEROME SAGE, Director
Service Division

FIRST CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES TAKEN IN 1790
IN NORTH CAROLINA.

HILLSBOROUGH DISTRICT

CASWELL COUNTY

James Montgomery	Head of family
Michael Montgomery	" " "
Nicholas Matlock	" " "

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HILLSBOROUGH DISTRICT

ORANGE COUNTY.

William Montgomery, Sr.	Head of family

Reverend J. A. Montgomery of Jasper, Florida, writes under date of July 9, 1935:

"About ten miles beyond Yanceville, on the Montgomery Road, two large brick chimneys left standing. The house burnt two years ago. The place now belongs to James Pinchback, (Blanch P. O.) grandson of Chambers, who bought it from Watkins, who bought it from David Montgomery (or heirs). Across the road about one hundred yards in an ooen field, is tall marble tombstone leaning up among some small sassafras trees.

Sacred to the memory of
DAVID MONTGOMERY
Born March 24, 1793
Died May 29, 1847.

A small marble stone with initials D. M. leaning against the larger stone was the foot stone and another small marble stone.

E. H. MONTGOMERY
Born Aug. 16, 1844
Died Jan. 21, 1845.

Mr. Robert Lee Mitchell, Blanch P. O., lives near and showed us these. Then took us about one quarter mile further to James Montgomery's old house. Built of oak logs (hinges of one door made of oak), 'Port holes' bored through the logs for shooting Indians. Probably built before the Revolution. On a small knoll, about one hundred yards beyond the house is the family burying ground. In the center are the two graves of James and Rebekah Montgomery, only stones with names.

Sacred to the memory of
JAMES MONTGOMERY
Born Nov. 12, 1752
Deceased Mch 22, 1838
Aged 85 years, 4 mo.

He's lost to sight, to memory dear,
Now freed from pain and far from fear,
At rest the head, the soul at rest,
Amidst the glories of the bless'd.

Sacred to the memory of
MRS. REBEKAH MONTGOMERY
Born Sept. 14, 1754
Deceased Oct. 9, 1837
Aged 83 years, 1 mo.

A sinner saved by sovereign grace
Now finds in Heaven a resting place.

Both are of fine soapstone well preserved.

A good many other graves around are only marked by dark colored rocks, head and foot. Some very large cedars have been cut down near head and foot of the two graves. Mr. James C. Mise, Blanch P. O., lives in the house. His father bought it from Harris."

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF ALEXANDER MONTGOMERY

In the name of God Amen.

I, Alexander Montgomery of Orange County and the Province of North Carolina, being sick and weak in body, but in perfect sences and memory, do appoint this my last will and testament. First I give up my soul to God, the author of it, and as for my body, I desire that it may be decently buried nothing doubting but that it will be raised again by the power of God, at the Great Day of the Resurection, and as for my worldly estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me with, I dispose of it as followeth:

ITEM: I give to my well beloved wife whom I appoint sole executor of this my last will and testament, my plantation I now live upon with all the furnishing therein, the house together with all the chattels, horses and movables to her and my three youngest children to be equally divided at my wife's death, excepting the land I now live on, and that to be equally divided between my two sons, Michal and James.

ITEM: I give to my wife one Negro wench named Tamer during her life, and then to her disposal.

ITEM: I give to my son, Alex Montgomery, one hundred seventy acres of land at the lower end of the tract that I now live on, including the plantation he now lives on, to him and his heirs forever.

ITEM: I give to my son-in-law, Robert Barnett, in Amhurst County in the Province of Virginia, my plantation that lyeth in Rockfish settlement, together with all the improvements thereon, to him and his heirs forever.

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ITEM: I give to my son, William Montgomery, five shillings and no more.

ITEM: I give to the rest of my children, namely John, Elizabeth and my daughters Anne and Mary one shilling sterling to each of them after my death, revoking all former Wills and Testaments.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 27th day of July, 1767.

Alex'dr Montgomery (Seal)

Signed and sealed in the presence of us:

William Robinson
Charles Crawford
William Maxwell

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This will was duly proved in open court by William Maxwell and was ordered to be registered.

Test. F. NASH, C. C.

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NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF ORANGE

I, A. W. Kenion, Clerk of the Superior Court of Orange County, State of North Carolina, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Last Will and Testament of Alexander Montgomery, deceased, as the same appears on record in my office, recorded in Will Book "A" at Page 81.

Witness my hand and official seal this 14th day of September, 1935.

A. W. KENION

(Official Seal) Clerk Superior Court

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF MARY MONTGOMERY

In the name of God, I, Mary Montgomery, of the County of Caswell and State of North Carolina being very sick and weak in body but of perfect mind and memory, thanks be given unto God, calling unto mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament: That is to say principally and first of all, I give and recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it, and my body I recomend to be buried in a decent Christian burial at the discretion of my executors. Nothing doubting but after general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God. And as touching such worldly estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me in this world, I give, devise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form.

First, I give and bequeath to my two sons Michael and James Montgomery, 170 acres of land with a saw and grist mill to be equally divided between them, reserving the saw and grist mill for Michael Montgomery. It is also my will that Michael Montgomery shall have one Negro fellow named Jack, and that my son James Montgomery shall have one Negro girl named Milley and that he shall have 1 bed with all that pertains to it.

It is further my will that my daughter Jane Maxwell shall have one Negro woman named Lamer. I also constitute, make and ordain Henry McAden the sole executor of this my last will and testament. I do hereby disallow of all other wills and legacies and ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 26th day of May and in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety-one.

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MARY x MONTGOMERY (Seal)
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Signed, sealed, pronounced and declared as the last will and testament in presence of:

THOMAS RALPH)
HENRY McADEN) Jurat

CASWELL COUNTY

The execution of this will was duly proved in Open Court by the oaths of Thomas Ralph and Henry McAden, two subscribing witnesses thereunto and on motion ordered to be recorded. At the same time Henry McAden qualified executor to said will.

Test. A. E. MURPHY C S C

NORTH CAROLINA
CASWELL COUNTY

I, A. R. Thompson, Clerk of the Superior Court of the aforesaid County and State, do hereby certify that the attached page is a true and perfect copy of the will of Mary Montgomery as found in the records of my office in Will Book "B" on Pages 429 and 430.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and official seal, this the 16th day of October, 1935.

H. R. THOMPSON
Clerk of Superior Court
Caswell County, N. C.

(Official Seal)

APRIL COURT 1838

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF JAMES MONTGOMERY

In the name of God, Amen.

I, James Montgomery of the County of Caswell and State of North Carolina, being weak of body but sound of mind and disposing memory calling unto mind that it is appointed unto all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last will and testament.

FIRST, I commit my soul to the Almighty God that gave it, and my body to be buried in a decent Christian manner at the discretion of my executors, nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God. And as touching such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this world, I give and devise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form, viz:

SECOND, To my wife Rebekah a Negro boy named Jack, a Negro boy named Peter, a Negro woman named Rhoda, the tract of land on which I now live, or as much thereof as she wants; such part of my household and kitchen furniture, stock and plantation tools as she may choose, all of which she is to hold during her lifetime, and at her death to be equally divided amongst my legatees, except such parts as are herein afterward disposed of.

THIRD, To my son Abraham my tract of land in Iredell County containing 200 acres to be held by him during his lifetime, and after his death to be sold and proceeds to be equally divided amongst his children, his widow (should he leave one) her dower in it during her lifetime.

FOURTH, To the Foreign Missionary Society and the American Tract Society fifty dollars to be equally divided between them.

FIFTH, To my son James my bed and furniture after the death of my wife.

SIXTH, It is my will and desire that all the residue of my estate, real and personal be equally divided amongst my children upon the following conditions however, viz: That my daughter Jane's part be sold upon best terms and the amount arising therefrom to be loaned out upon good security, the interest of which to be paid over to her, or applied to her benefit exclusively during her lifetime and at her death the principal and interest too (if there be any) to be equally divided amongst the children. And also, that my daughter Rebekah's part to be held by her during her lifetime and at her death (should she leave no heirs born of her body) to be equally divided amongst my other legatees.

SEVENTH, Upon the death of my wife my son Edward is to have the Negro woman Rhoda and the Negro boy Peter upon the following conditions, viz: That he pay to the other legatees half the value of Rhoda and the whole value of Peter, deducting therefrom, of course, the amount of his share in said Negroes, to be valued at the time he received them.

EIGHTH, It is not my meaning or wish that my son Abraham is to have the tract of land in Iredell County in addition to an equal share of my other property, but my meaning and my will is that he is to account for the value thereof to the other legatees and I hereby give him the choice of said tract at two dollars per acre or at a fair valuation, but in either case if the amount of said tract exceed his equal share of my estate he is to pay over to the other legatees their proportion of such excess or surplus.

TENTH, I hereby constitute my sons James Montgomery, Edward Montgomery and David Montgomery the executors of this my last will and testament, and I do hereby revoke and disallow all other wills and legacies, ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 7th day of August in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty-four.

JAMES MONTGOMERY

Signed, sealed, pronounced and declared as my last will and testament in the presence of:

D. Wilson
Benjamine Pittard

This codicel to the within will I wish to be taken as part of the same. It is my will and desire that the portion of my estate which may descend to my daughter Polly Long of Tennessee, Wilson County, agreeable to the within will that it shall be equally divided between the heirs of her body which is now in existance as well as those that may be born hereafter.

It is my will and desire that the part of my will leaving to my daughter Jane Davis an equal portion of my estate to be sold and loaned out for her support be revoked, and instead of which it is my will and desire that my executors pay over to each of her male children twenty-five dollars each, and that my executors may pay to her daughter Sara Anne Davis such part of my estate as they may think right and in such way and

manner as they may think best. The legacy left her children is to be considered in the place of what was left her, and my daughter Jane Davis is not to have any part of my estate.

Witness of hand and seal this 18th day of April, A. D. 1838.

JAMES MONTGOMERY

Witness:

George Williamson
Sam'l Pittard

I, James Montgomery, further desire to have fifty acres of land at the lower end of the tract beginning at the old mill and running up the creek for compliment to my son, John Montgomery. All the land above John Montgomery's line on both sides of the creek to the road I leave to my son Edward, or his heirs, which he is to have after the decease of myself and wife.

This 25th day of April A. D. 1838.

JAMES MONTGOMERY

John Pittard
John Pinchback

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
CALDWELL COUNTY April Court 1838

The executors of the last will and testament of James Montgomery, deceased, was duly proved in open court by the oaths of George Williamson, Benjamine Pittard and John Pittard the three subscribing witnesses thereto, and on motion ordered to be recorded.

And the same David Montgomery, Edward Montgomery and James Montgomery, the executors therein named, came into court and were duly qualified as executors to execute the same and Letters Testamentory issued to them accordingly.

Test. PAUL A. HARALSON, Clerk.